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To whom it may concern,

This letter is written to shed light on the potential negative impact a change to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) policy would have on the students who attend the Pelham Elementary School, part of the Amherst-Pelham Regional Schools.

The Town of Pelham receives support from Comcast, its cable provider, for operating a Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Access channel used for public video programming provided by the issuing authority. Although Pelham does not have the ability to broadcast PEG Access Programming to the residents in town, the quarterly franchise fees provided by the issuing authority are set aside for cable related purchases. Over the last 3 years franchise fees have provided our Pelham Elementary School with forty-five new chromebooks, three projectors, & twenty computer monitors all approved at our Annual Town Meetings. These cable related purchases above may have not been possible without that funding from Comcast through the PEG Access support due to Pelham's tight budget and limited financial resources.

In closing, it is imperative that the FCC not eliminate the PEG programming funds which have had a significant impact on our small elementary school here in Pelham, MA. We urge you to please consider keeping this provision so we can continue to offer our school children in our community valuable resources that will build educational opportunities and help shape them into technically minded individuals.

Sincerely,

Alisa Pearson, Board of Selectmen Chair

Robert Agoglia, Board of Selectmen

Karen Ribeiro, Board of Selectmen

CC: Dr. Michael Morris, Superintendent of Amherst Pelham Regional Schools
State Representative Mindy Domb
State Senator Jo Comerford
Representative Jim McGovern
Senator Elizabeth Warren
Senator Edward Markey